



# Haryana Panel to Decide Aid in Accidents Due to Stray Animals

## Why in News?

According to Haryana chief secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, the **state government** was taking **significant steps to address accidents/incidents caused by stray animals**.

## Key Points

- A committee, chaired by the deputy commissioner, **in all districts** has been established to determine compensation in such cases, with **decisions expected within four months of claim submission**.
- The committee includes members such as the superintendent of police or deputy superintendent of police (traffic), sub-divisional magistrate, and a representative of the chief medical officer.
  - The committee **will adhere to the guidelines and standards of the [Motor Vehicles Act, 1988](#)**, while deciding on compensation for such cases.
  - The decision will be forwarded to the principal secretary of the department concerned or the project director of the [NHAI \(National Highways Authority of India\)](#), who must disburse compensation to **the claimant within six weeks**.
- **Stray animals**, for the **purpose of compensation, encompass** animals like **cows, bulls, dogs, donkeys, nilgai and buffaloes**.
- The **Chandigarh high court has specified compensation amounts**, such as Rs 10,000 for a dog's bite and a minimum of Rs 20,000 for injuries caused by a dog bite.
- '[Deen Dayal Antyodaya Parivar Suraksha Yojana](#)' was already in operation to provide compensation for such accidents.

## Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Parivar Suraksha Yojana

- Government of Haryana announced the launch of 'Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Parivar Suraksha Yojana' **in the budget for the financial year 2023-24**.
- Under this scheme, on the basis of the **data verified in Family Information Data Repository (FIDR)**, financial assistance will be **provided on the death or permanent disability of a member of a family above the age of 6 years and upto the age of 60 years** having an annual income less than Rs 1.80 lakh.
- The scheme **will provide assistance based on the age of the individual at the time of death or permanent disability**.